

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

Claims 1 and 8, please amend as follows:

1. (Amended) Apparatus for keeping food warm and moist comprising:

a pouch including a layer formed of a plastic sheet to provide water impermeability, the pouch [that] bounds an insulated and substantially water impermeable food warming chamber;

the pouch having opposing substantially coextensive lips;

a passive, non-sealing engagement between the lips;

the passive, non-sealing engagement between the lips causing a partial enclosure of the warming chamber;

the partial enclosure caused by the passive, non-sealing engagement between the lips inhibiting moisture vapor produced from warm food disposed in the warming chamber from building up in the warming chamber, which prevents warm food disposed in the warming chamber from becoming soggy and allows enough moisture vapor to remain in the warming chamber for keeping warm food disposed in the warming chamber

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8. (Amended) Apparatus for keeping food warm and moist comprising:

insulating structure supporting and substantially engulfing a substantially water impermeable plastic pouch having a warming chamber for accommodating food;

the pouch and the insulating structure together providing generally opposing and substantially coextensive lips;

a passive, non-sealing engagement between the lips;

the passive, non-sealing engagement between the lips causing a partial enclosure of the warming chamber;

the partial enclosure caused by the passive, non-sealing engagement between the lips inhibiting moisture vapor produced from warm food disposed in the warming chamber from building up in the warming chamber, which prevents warm food disposed in the warming chamber from becoming soggy and allows enough moisture vapor to remain in the warming chamber for keeping warm food disposed in the warming chamber moist.

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impermeable food warming chamber;

the pouch having opposing substantially
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chamber;

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warming chamber from becoming soggy and allows enough
moisture vapor to remain in the warming chamber for
keeping warm food disposed in the warming chamber
moist.

8. Apparatus for keeping food warm and moist
comprising:

insulating structure supporting and substantially
engulfing a substantially water impermeable plastic
pouch having a warming chamber for accommodating food;

the pouch and the insulating structure together
providing generally opposing and substantially
coextensive lips;

a passive, non-sealing engagement between the
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